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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM ECON PINS VM

SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE EFFORTS AT POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION AND
CONTROL

1. A RECENT VISITOR TO VIETNAM PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH
THE FOLLOWING POPULATION DATA ON "NEW ECONOMIC ZONES":

- A) SONG BE ZONE HAS A POPULATION OF 250,000;
- B) TAY NINH ZONE HAS A POPULATION OF 150,000;
- C) AN KHE ZONE HAS A POPULATION OF 75,000;
- D) DALAT (REFORESTATION) ZONE HAS A POPULATION OF
81,060 (COMPSOED CHIEFLY OF BAHNAR TRIBESMEN).

2. THE VISITOR SAID THAT THE FIGURES, SUPPLIED BY THE
SRV GOVERNMENT, MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT INFLATED BY THE SRV
GOVERNMENT WHICH IS ANXIOUS TO SOLICIT EXTRA
ASSISTANCE FROM ANY ORGANIZATION WILLING TO PROVIDE
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AID TO HELP SUPPORT THESE ZONES.

3. HE SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THESE "ZONES" HE HAD
HEARD THAT A NEW "NEW ECONOMIC ZONE" WAS BEING
ESTABLISHED AT "HA NAM NINH" LOCATED SOMEWHERE IN THE
MEKONG DELTA.

4. HE SAID OF THE FOUR "ZONES" (PARA 1), ALL OF WHICH HE VISITED, SONG BE SEEMED TO OFFER THE BEST LIVING STANDARDS, WITH AN KHE OFFERING THE WORST STANDARDS.

5. HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHILE IN HO CHI MINH CITY HE WAS INTRODUCED TO A "VERY SICK" MAN, SUFFERING FROM DYSENTERY AND BERIBERI. THE MAN WAS REPORTEDLY A COLONEL IN THE ARVN, WHO HAD BEEN TAKEN NORTH ALONG WITH ALL OTHER ARVN OFFICERS ABOVE THE RANK OF MAJOR FOLLOWING THE FALL OF SAIGON AND PLACED IN DETENTION CENTERS. THE MAN REPORTEDLY CONTRASTED THESE CENTERS WITH "RE-EDUCATION CENTERS" IN THE SOUTH, SAYING THAT SENIOR ARVN OFFICERS WENT TO THE NORTHERN CAMPS "TO WORK AND DIE", THERE BEING NO HOPE OF EVENTUAL RELEASE. THE MAN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY TWENTY PER CENT OF THOSE OFFICERS SENT NORTH IN 1975 HAD DIED, WITH DYSENTERY, BERIBERI AND OVERWORK BEING THE PRIMARY CAUSES OF DEATH. THE VISITOR SAID HE DID NOT INQUIRE AS TO HOW THE MAN HAD GAINED HIS RELEASE AND RETURN TO THE SOUTH.
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